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Photo by Mark Arike

Alex Bell, owner of Kashaga Paint, paints the numbers on the side of the train.

Engine 2616 gets new beginning

By Mark Arike

A legendary train located in the Village of Haliburton has undergone a makeover.

Local business Kashaga Paint, and Heritage Metal Restoration of Barrie were hired by the Rotary Club of Haliburton to spruce up the historic locomotive, which sits on the field next to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"We arranged to get it done because maintaining the locomotive is a responsibility of the Rotary Club," said the club's treasurer Richard Van Nood.

Several months ago, an anonymous donor gave the Municipality of Dysart et al \$100,000 for community projects. Van Nood said the municipality gave the club \$10,000 of that for the locomotive restoration work.

"When all is said and done, it will probably be \$11,000," he said. "We'll put the rest toward it."

Work that still needs to be done includes some finishing touches to the cabin area.

The Canadian National Railways and the Rotary Club of Haliburton presented the locomotive to the community on Oct. 1, 1960. For more about the history of the train, visit the Rotary Club of Haliburton's website at www.clubrunner.ca/haliburton

Dental program receives charity status

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) for Haliburton County has officially become a registered Canadian charity.

In a letter from the Canada Revenue Agency dated June 19, it was confirmed the organization met all requirements under the *Income Tax Act* and that their application had been successful.

"It's a lengthy application," said Lisa Kerr, VDO director of operations.

The charity applied for status on December 23. While the VDO had an association with SIRCH Community Services, they began separating themselves operationally on March 1, Kerr said. They began doing their own

financial screening of patients, for example.

As a registered charity, they are now completely severed from SIRCH.

Kerr said the new status should pay dividends for the organization.

"When people make donations, we can issue them tax receipts," she said. "Hopefully that will make donating to VDO more attractive to people."

Currently, the charity has 200 active patients with another 70 on a waiting list, Kerr said. As of June 29, the VDO has provided \$302,646.05 worth of dental services at no charge to patients.

"We have way more demand than we have space to see people," Kerr said. "What happens when a patient

comes to us for the first time [is] there's so much work to do, so they have to keep coming back for four to six appointments."

Some patients had never seen a dentist, she said.

"They've lost their benefits, or cannot afford to go to a dentist," Kerr said. "[For] a lot of our patients, their only dentistry is through the hospital."

Since the VDO began seeing patients in May 2011, 31 different volunteers have donated their time to the program. Kerr said last week they had a volunteer from London, Ontario come to assist for a week. She saw roughly 20 patients in that time.

The VDO is having a fundraising golf tournament on Aug. 16.


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County to draft Walker development agreement

By Lisa Harrison

County staff will draft an agreement between the county and Minden Hills to develop the former Walker Fuels property on Highway 35 in Minden following discussions at county council's June 27 meeting.

The township has agreed to participate in construction of a joint county emergency medical services building and township fire hall on the site, subject to reaching an agreement with the county on capital and operating cost allocations for the land and facilities.

County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson told council demolition of the old service station on the site is complete and Minden Hills agreed to waive tipping fees for debris disposal at the Scotch Line landfill site.

"The Ministry of the Environment has granted their approval for construction of a sanitary sewer and also...municipal water to the site so those approvals are in place," said Wilson. "I believe there is a timeline for those approvals that you have to act on so that's something the county will have to deal with in the near future."

Architect Ron Awde was engaged to develop options for the facility and ultimately recommend a location on the site. Awde attended council's April meeting to present his final

report on the first stage of his engagement, showing several options for joint and separate facilities in various locations. The report was revised to include information from discussion with council, resubmitted and included in the June 27 staff report.

Determining the construction location will clarify which one or two of the property's three sections can be sold to help fund the project. Costs to date are \$451,316.54 including \$385,415.38 to purchase the property and excluding demolition and geotechnical and hydrogeological surveys. The public works department engaged the demolition contractor to dig test holes for bedrock levels at the south end in case the county considers excavating to level the area. The department will now hire a geotechnical contractor for comprehensive ground testing and subsequently a hydrogeological consultant to study groundwater distribution and movement.

Wilson advised Awde's facility options can be narrowed down once the surveys are done since they will determine which area of the property will best support the building(s).

He said while such details cannot be included in the draft agreement at this stage, it will cover the larger bases and "both councils can decide when it's appropriate to execute."

TSW study funding denied

By Lisa Harrison

County councillors declined to fund a new Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) economic impact study requested by the City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) at the county's June 27 meeting.

Warden Murray Fearrey received an e-mail from CKL mayor Ric McGee addressed to mayors and reeves requesting attendance at a June 21 meeting in Coboconk to establish the new study and requesting financial contribution toward it.

Because it requested funding, the document went directly to the next council agenda. Other county reeves did not receive McGee's e-mail and he had not returned a call from Fearrey before council met.

A CKL resolution noted federal cuts may affect lift hours and lock operations. Fearrey said TSW management, traditionally from Peterborough, is being combined with management of the Rideau Canal from Smiths Falls.

Since tourism accounts for \$100 million in CKL revenue and hundreds of CKL area jobs are affected by waterway recreation, McGee has been setting up meetings with MP Barry Devolin and others in order to protect the industry.

CKL approved a \$10,000 contribution toward the study, designed to provide elected officials with additional information prior to final cuts, and suggested that amount would "most likely" be the maximum contribution for any other municipality.

"I'm not sure where this comes from about an economic impact study," said Fearrey. "The committee dealing with that already did this and it was apparently a very good study. So I don't know why we're trying to repeat this."

Fearrey said aside from service, the changes won't impact the county when it has no canals or locks, and there is no budget to provide funds for a study that has already been done.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Jill Moorley of Haliburton Fire Management headquarters shows four-year-old Emily Brown how to hit targets with a firefighter's backpack pump.

Kids and cops cast their lines

Event encourages fun and community engagement

By Mark Arike

Fifty kids descended upon Head Lake Park on July 4 for the seventh annual Kids and Cops fishing event.

"This is a great opportunity to get local kids involved in fishing and fun," said Valerie

Coleman, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council intern.

"We're trying to get the kids to interact with the community," said Erin Curry, coordinator of this year's event for Point In Time.

In addition to fishing on Head Lake, boat rides were offered by the Haliburton Highlands OPP and a number of other activities were organized in the park. Volunteers included members of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, the Minden fire management crew, the Ministry of Natural Resources enforcement team and the Kinark Outdoor Centre.

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Editorial opinion

Living the good life, responsibly

Another Canada Day weekend has come and gone.

The celebrations were many, the parties festive. Flags and face-paint turned the scenery red and white, and, of course, the fireworks were astounding. How could you not have a great time celebrating the nation's birthday?

But in the blink of an eye, a great weekend can turn tragic.

Over the course of this past long-weekend, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were called to the scene of four motor-vehicle-related fatalities, province-wide. They laid over 122 impaired driving charges and 135 small vessel regulation charges in three days.

What's the message here?

People are still drinking and driving, or boating, or being altogether reckless behind the wheel of motor-vehicles. Whether it's a boat or ATV, there's a certain responsibility that's involved with operating that vehicle. You should respect your vehicle and where you're driving it. You don't need to be afraid of the waters or roads, but you should be aware of the dangers and risks while you're on them. Adding alcohol to the mix is a mistake, regardless of how empty the roads are, how calm the waters

are or how short the trip is.

You would think by now people would know better. Even for those that do with respect to cars, there seems to be a disconnect when it comes to other types of vehicles.

Four Ontario families are paying the price this year because of that mindset.

Despite OPP patrols (1,135 hours on the water over Canada Day), it's impossible to catch everyone. As community members, we all have a responsibility to protect our neighbours from drunk drivers, in any kind of vehicle. Do not, under any circumstances, get in a vehicle with someone who has been drinking. Check the cooler before you head out on your fishing trip and replace the beer cans with some other, equally refreshing but non-alcoholic beverage. Regardless of what people might try to tell you, it's not the drink that makes it a good time. Perhaps when faced with common sense, your friends will be discouraged from making a potentially fatal mistake.

Life in the Highlands can be great, but only if we all enjoy it responsibly.



By Matthew Desrosiers

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Bozo for bosons

You may have read this week of the possible discovery of the elusive Higgs boson. The subatomic particle is the last, until-now missing piece of what physicists call the Standard Model.

The discovery is important because there was a big, gaping hole in the Standard Model. The Higgs boson was postulated as the missing piece, the particle that gives the other particles mass; without it, scientists could not be certain if the model was an accurate description of reality.

How can a particle not have mass? Beats me. It's probably one of those questions that makes professors twitch, like the time someone in my astronomy class (taken only because it was reputed to be easy) asked what things were like before the big bang.

"We don't ask that question," barked an impatient Professor Moore, his arms gesticulating, eyes blinking rapidly. "There was no space and no time. There was no before, so don't ask me what was before!"

Ummm, okay.

We were dismissed early that day. I heard he took early retirement.

But back to the boson. There was a time I would have been excited about the Higgs boson, or any type of boson for that matter, no pun intended. That time would have roughly coincided with my youth, when I had interests and hobbies and wondered about how the universe works, reading any science book I could get my hands on. Yes, geek city, but when you're half the size of everyone else – as I was – hockey is generally not going to be your game unless you're the puck. You do not want to be the puck.

Today my wonderings tend to gravitate more towards things like bill payments, global economic collapse and saving for retirement, which may explain why I'm no fun at dinner parties. Obviously I did not become a scientist, and today the Standard Model, bosons, quarks, leptons and other creatures seem as real to me as what Alice found when she fell down the rabbit hole. For all I know, it's a complete fabrication invented to justify a lot of extremely expensive equipment that does nothing but produce coloured squiggles on a screen. Heck, my three-year-old nephew could do that with a crayon.

But physicists are not the only ones



By Bram Lebo

searching for something elusive.

Most of us are also looking: for friendships, financial security, a good job, a happy home. Finding these things, like finding the Higgs boson, is often thought of as necessary to complete the Standard Model of our lives. Most people try to attain that completion; many succeed, and many do not. Things don't always turn out as planned.

I was thinking about this search as we were laying out the graduate photos last week. From nearly every face shone pride in achievement and optimism for the future. My usual response to this kind of youthful exuberance is to think quietly to myself: *wow, you have absolutely no idea what you're in for.*

Remember – not fun at dinner parties.

But it is, sadly, true. There are practical considerations, for most of us anyway. That is why I do not tell young people to find a job that matches their passions. Some can and will, but most people will not have the right combination of talent, effort and sheer luck to reach their goal; and for many interests, there simply aren't jobs that would pay a decent wage. A big part of maturity is recognizing and accepting these practical considerations.

Then again, I'm just being my curmudgeonly self. Life is difficult to be sure, but also full of discovery, wonderful people and amazing adventures. We can take inspiration from our grads and look on the bright side: for all the economic crises, global warming, unemployment and natural disasters, each of us still has the opportunity to do great things, big and small.

The thousand kindnesses that happen in our community every day are as important and substantial, more so I would argue, than what happens in the Large Hadron Collider. Success, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

So, young people, pay no attention to the jaded curmudgeon. Do something you love, and if you can't do it for work do it on the side. Follow your dreams and you can deal with the other stuff when it comes.

Just don't set your mind on finding the Higgs boson. It's been done.

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Ben James, summer 2012, Lake No-tellie

Letters to the Editor

Photo of the week



Photo by Valerie Robinson

A rare photo of a tree frog.

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Family unit not what it used to be

Dear Editor,

Summer for the kids is finally here with such jubilance. Many are looking forward to spending time with family members taking in special activities and surprises planned while Mom and Dad work. At least that's how it used to be in the good old days, however the extended family unit is fragmented and no longer exists. It seems now the priority is to ship the kids off to some sort of camp. I am not saying this is a bad thing but when alternatives are available why not take advantage of them? Kids need the family unit to stay connected when they are young. They grow up fast enough and go their own way while family members grow older and become only a

memory and hopefully memories of days past. Perhaps I am living in the past myself, hoping it can be relived if only to revitalize the good old days when I was a kid and spent time with family members enjoying the time we had together. It is those memories I cherish even as time passes and yes as I grow older. We need more of the good old days to re-surface as life and time is passing us by too quickly and memories that mean the most are lost. It is unfortunate kids never enjoy the family unit as I once knew it and I am sure as many of you did too.

Bev MacDuff
Gooderham

The Outsider — Loving life, and death in the country

There's a dead deer at the bottom of my garden.

It pongs a bit. Quite a lot, actually. And there are bits eaten off of it.

When, after sprinting back to the house, I breathlessly divulged this information to my lovely wife she demanded to see and so off we trekked to check out a dead deer under a bush, guarded by a million bugs.

"Wolves or bears?" she wondered. "Whaaal!" I exclaimed. My man-brain hadn't processed the reasoning behind the deer's appearance; merely that it was there and it poned a bit, quite a lot actually.

She smiled (my wife, not the deer) and said: "We'll have to ask the barber, he'll know." Then, squeezing my arm to bring me around from my deer-in-the-headlights stare, she trotted back to the house. I guess she's getting used to my incredulity about every little living, or dead, thing that we find in Canada.

But I can't help it. I lived in a city for 15 years, where the nearest glimpse of wildlife was a flock of scruffy urban pigeons or a vicious city-park squirrel — the sort that would mug you for a Big Henry bar so soon as look at you. And so, I still go about with eyes wide and marvelling at the natural spectacle before me.

"Look a bug!" I squeal. Not in a girly tone, honest. More of a 'wow, come see' kind of way.

"Quick, quick, get Little Z. I've found a snake!"

Actually, it's a snake skin that's been shed sometime in the last week or so, meaning the snake could be in Lindsay by now but hey, I'm new to all this and a snake skin is quite a find. And, to give my lovely wife her dues, she gets excited, too. Even more so if there's a snake still in the skin that we spot!

Now beavers, these cuddly chiselers make her eyes light up (no smutty jokes, please). We oft dash down to the river's edge dragging Little Z behind us to catch sight of our resident rodents. SLAP, and it's gone. I sometimes wonder if Little Z thinks the word 'beaver' simply means a big splash.

You get my gist, I'm sure. Coming from a land of urban-suburban uniformity, I'm still in awe of the wildlife that surrounds me here in our semi-wild idyll. A chance encounter with a snapping turtle laying her eggs; a fox trotting across the highway; moose tracks (and I don't mean the ice cream) along the river bank. And, a dead pongy deer at the bottom of the garden.

Off I went to consult an expert, at the barbers. There were

McGuinty attacking the elderly

Dear Editor,

Hats off to Mary Turner (Highlander June 28) who criticized the McGuinty government for cutting back on OHIP coverage of procedures. McGuinty claims to have cut back emergency wait times drastically while at the same time stifling us for the cost of needed medical coverage on the back end, where unless a person needs it, they don't realize his claims of improving medical response is nothing but smoke and mirrors.

Mary is dead right on her claim this is an attack on the elderly. No physio without a doctors order, no chiropractic services, and in the eye care end of things, the cutbacks are ridiculous. Eye sight exams not paid for unless it is associated with an eye problem such as glaucoma. For those glaucoma patients, there are a slew of tests, not covered, one of which actually determines if a person has nerve damage in the back of the eye, a procedure costing \$100, which is necessary to tell how far the glaucoma is advancing and the treatment necessary to prevent further damage.

How about the little boy recently having to go to the United States to get an eye operation? Again, OHIP would not pay. That may change in this case, but time after time, we have seen people leave the country to get the necessary medical care for something OHIP does not cover. It is my own opinion that our citizens should have complete medical care. McGuinty will help Toronto build a subway, but if Grandma needs some much needed medical help, don't count on this guy to anti-up.

**Ted Cumber
Gooderham**

Engine 2616

Dear Editor,

No. 2616... Wow! Triple-wow, in fact.

Congratulations to the Haliburton Rotary Club, Kashaga Paint Design and Heritage Metal Restoration for such a terrific makeover of engine No. 2616. The landmark is again a proud reflection of our local culture and heritage.

Well done.

**Larry Dart
Haliburton**

lots of them there; experts in what? I do not know. But, all were willing to offer an opinion! Four hours later I left having been informed, amongst many other things that the deer had been injured, maybe on the road and then finished off by a bear. Hence, it had been stashed under a bush and not wolfed down by, well, wolves.

That means there's a bear at the bottom of my garden, too. Jeepers! If I could tame him and teach him to dance for tourists I'd be rich. I can see it now 'Jones and his Jiving Bear, live at the Northern Lights Theatre'. I'd be the headline, of course, with Carl Dixon and the Jazz Kitchen as warm up — for the audience that is, my bear won't dance to just anything you know.

But seriously, there's a dead deer at the bottom of my garden and it pongs a bit. But Wow! "Little Z, come quick, come see. Daddy wants to show you a deer. One with its insides outside and its head on backwards."

Ain't life in the country grand.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *What are you most looking forward to this summer?*



Natasha Coumbs

Haliburton

Well really what I want to do most is go bass fishing with my hubby and kids. After that everything else comes second.

Bill and Tracie

Ohio, USA

We are here in Haliburton Forest and it is probably the most complete vacation spot with boating, hiking, fishing and observing all the wildlife. Last night we saw four bears.



Jessie Pearce

Kitchener-Waterloo

Honestly, when I am up here I just want to be beside the lake and chill. I love to canoe and kayak. It is a great way to relax and be close to the water.

Irene and John

Vancouver B.C.

We just arrived yesterday from Vancouver and all we want for summer is lots of sun. It is just such a nice feeling on your skin. We just want to enjoy the heat and sun of summer because life is just too short.



Ed Haywood

Toronto

I want to fish, but we have repairs on the cottage, docks, boats etc. I really want to sit down and fish and look across the lake from my dock. We had a tree come down on our hydro lines and we need repairs, [but we have] to cut up the tree first. Then I am going fishing!

County denies rent supplement, transportation funding

By Lisa Harrison

County council has denied two social services funding items from the City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL), the consolidated municipal services manager for both the city and the county.

Council reviewed the items in two staff reports at its June 27 meeting.

In the first, CKL asked councillors to consider 2013 rent supplement funding for up to 12 units in the new Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation project to be built on County Road 21 near Haliburton and two units at 19 Higgins Court in Haliburton.

Wilson advised council the estimated net annual costs would be \$24,192 for the Kawartha Lakes project and \$13,944 for Higgins Court, including the county's portion of provincial program funding the city receives as joint services manager.

Under program regulations, the rent supplement designation must be established while a unit is vacant. The Higgins Court units are occupied, but tenants will begin moving into the Kawartha Lakes units early in 2013 so the city hoped for an early response from the county.

"This is to me a 30-year commitment that goes up with inflation," said Warden Murray Fearrey. "If they [CKL] had come along to start with and said 'We're building these units in Haliburton County but we're expecting 12 of them to be subsidized I'd have no problem

with that, we would have made a decision... I'm certainly supportive of helping people out but I think there's a limit to what we can commit ourselves to and take on."

"Rent [supplementation] typically comes from the province and what CKL isn't saying is that they do get money from the province but they've used it all in the City of Kawartha Lakes" leaving the county to provide any funding for its own units, said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

"We've already made a major contribution of \$190,000 to construction of this [Kawartha Lakes project]," she said. "Market rent as defined by the province is still very affordable so all of these 24 units are considered to be affordable."

CKL also advised it is halting the Ontario Works (OW) van program as it does not meet administrative funding criteria and asked the county to decide whether it will continue the program on its own.

Use of the van was part of the original OW community placement program, but CKL phased out its van program in 2007 due to OW delivery changes. Service for several county agencies and social services has continued via CKL's van and driver.

Wilson reported the county has no budget for purchasing a vehicle (CKL estimate of \$50,000) or operating costs including maintenance and repair, salaries, insurance and fuel (CKL estimate of \$35,400) if costs are not funded through the OW program.

Letter to the editor

Nuisance humans and the spring bear hunt

Dear Editor,

No one can accuse me of being anti-hunting. I love a nice piece of meat on the barbecue and I always applaud those who try to obtain their food locally as opposed to from a factory farm. That being said, I cannot sit idly by and listen to anyone, including your editor, propose the resumption of the spring bear hunt.

Initially, I would like to take exception to the annoying term 'nuisance bears'. There is no such thing. There are only nuisance humans. I would suggest that anyone who leaves food waste or pet food outside of their properties then calls the police or the MNR to do something when a bear shows up falls into this category. The bears are doing only what is natural to them. We should know better.

Also, before you call for the return of the spring bear hunt, I think you have to ask yourself a few questions. The first should be, "Is it okay for someone to shoot an animal when it is in the process of caring for its young?" I think not. It's unethical. That is why the spring hunt was eliminated in the first place.

The second question is, "Why am I going to kill a bear?" It's not for food as far as I can tell. I worked for years in wildlife conservation and have lived in rural Ontario

for over a decade and no one has ever told me about their big bear dinner or how good bear meat is. That can only mean that they are being killed for rugs or trophies by someone who needs to feel big about themselves for killing something twice their size. Shouldn't we be finished with this ridiculous "great white hunter" nonsense by now? Regardless of the money they bring in, I don't want these people in my community.

Finally, before you go telling people to resume the spring bear hunt you may also want to tell them how bear hunting is done. It comes about by baiting bears; hanging food around at the same place over and over to attract them there (the same thing folks shouldn't do in their backyards). Then the hunting operator builds a blind usually in a tree. All a so called sportsman has to do is sit there and shoot. Anyone who engages in this activity should be ashamed of themselves.

We have spent a lot of time in this country protecting the rights of our first nation's people. After all, they were here first. We should extend this same courtesy to the wild animals that have been living here for centuries, long before any of us nuisance humans showed up.

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Highlander news

Family Fun Night in jeopardy

By Mark Arike

The Hub is a place for all.

Also known as Family Fun Night, it's a program run by Point In Time (PinT) aimed at bringing children and families together in a supportive learning environment outside regular class hours. It's for the kids who struggle to fit in and for those who just want to get out of the house on a Tuesday night for fun, games and a free meal.

For parents like Bonnie Thompson, The Hub has been all that and more. Thompson's 12-year-old son, Mathew, has Asperger syndrome. An Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Asperger's can make it difficult for a child to function well in the school environment.

"When we decided to come to The Hub, Mathew decided that he didn't want anything to do with it," said Thompson in a presentation at PinT's recent annual general meeting. "He likes to stay at home and that's all he likes to do."

With a bit of tough love, Thompson forced her son to attend one of the night's get-togethers at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. After a couple of weeks, she was pleasantly surprised to discover that she no longer had to force the issue. Mathew wanted to go.

"He loves computers and there are no computers at The Hub," she said. "But he loved going there every single week. He looked forward to the activities, he played with children – which he does not do."

The experience inspired Thompson to write a short story about what the program did for her and Mathew.

"The Hub provided a spot for children who were a little bit special, for children who didn't always fit in, for children that did fit in," she said. "It provided everyone a spot to play safe. They didn't have a giant playground and they knew that there was someone over there watching them."

Thompson also found it to be a great meeting place for all the parents.

"We got to see the same people, enjoy

fellowship, do crafts, receive a free meal... We all enjoyed ourselves."

According to Marg Cox, executive director of PinT, the idea for the program came out of discussions held with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) and Children's Services Council.

"One of the things we know, as parents, is that not everyone has a good experience at school," said Cox. "It's [The Hub] a wonderful opportunity to create a bridge for those parents to be able to feel comfortable in their children's school and therefore be able to be more involved in their children's education."

The "low-key" program, which began in October of last year, is also meant to make it easy for parents to discover children's mental health services provided by the agency.

"Having the opportunity to break bread together or play floor hockey together starts to reduce some of that stigma and increase some of that access," said Cox.

"It helps us connect faces with names," added Cathy Constantino, PinT early interventionist and coordinator of The Hub.

A typical two-hour Tuesday night at The Hub includes a meal followed by a variety of activities.

"Sometimes we might have a guest who will come in and talk about a particular topic... and then there would be activities and fun things afterwards," said Constantino.

Past presentations have been on topics such as education opportunities and bullying. Spaces in the school utilized for the program include the gym, library and classrooms.

Families also have the opportunity to participate in hands-on crafts such as jewellery making.

The program averages 10-15 families per night, which includes anywhere between 30 and 40 kids. The only criteria is that at least one child from the attending family be a student at J.D. Hodgson.



Photo by Bonnie Thompson

Grade 6 student Mathew Den Hollander plays Bingo.

Constantino runs the program along with one facilitator and two PinT staff.

Through the Hub, Cox believes in creating an "inclusive climate where everyone feels accepted and is valued." She said one of PinT's goals is to inform the community about the range of services the agency has available. Another is to cultivate relationships between all those in attendance.

Constantino pointed out that the true value of the program was revealed when parents and caregivers were asked to complete daily evaluations.

"A lot of the comments were, 'it's nice to know there's other people out there like me,'" she said. "I think that speaks to the feelings that families have when they're part of something."

Last year it cost nearly \$18,000 to run the program. Other than a \$3,000 grant obtained from the Haliburton County

Development Corporation (HCDC), the program is looking at a \$14,000 shortfall for the upcoming year if it is to be run at the same level.

"We were really fortunate last year to be eligible for a Healthy Communities Fund Grant," said Cox. "One of things we're [now] doing is putting out a plea to the community and the various businesses to see if they might be able to donate to this worthwhile program."

Cox would like to someday expand the program to include other elementary schools in the county.

"That would be one of our goals, but we can't do that without the funding," she said.

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Highlander news

Places for People opens new property



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

HCDC General Manager Andy Campbell (left) and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt cut the ribbon to open Places for People's new property at 1006 West Rd. in Carnarvon.

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By Matthew Desrosiers

Places for People hosted an open house on June 29 to reveal their second property in the Highlands.

Located at 1006 West Rd. in Carnarvon, this hundred-year-old house has been turned into a legal duplex, with a three and a four-bedroom unit.

Harvey Walker, renovation overseer for the project, said without the volunteers, the renovations would have never happened.

"We had a small group of very dedicated volunteers," he said. "We didn't have hundreds of people on this project, but we had a lot of people who put in hundreds of hours."

The project cost \$190,000 to complete, said treasurer Max Ward, which breaks down to \$170,000 for the property, \$12,000 in renovations and \$8,000 for a new septic.

A private donation of \$127,500 was put forward as the first mortgage on the property, while the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) provided the other \$55,000.

"To keep rent affordable, we knew it wouldn't cover the cost of the building," said Ward. "We didn't have the support of [municipal], provincial or federal money as we did with the last project. We realized if

we want to go ahead with helping provide affordable housing for the community, we're going to have to rely on the community to come up with that extra money."

Rent for the units are \$830 and \$890 per month. After expenses, \$1,000 of that will pay down the first mortgage.

Places for People is relying on donations to pay back the remaining \$55,000. Since April 1, they have already received \$14,000.

Andy Campbell, HCDC general manager, said it was an easy decision to get on board to support this program.

"Everyone knows that affordable housing is a real issue in Haliburton County and the province of Ontario," he said. "Places for People should be really proud you're taking this initiative on. You're making an impact on at least four families so far in the two projects you've taken on."

"When you get re-energized and you're ready for a third project, so are we."

Carol Moffatt, reeve of Algonquin Highlands, said she is a personal supporter of the program.

"I'd like to welcome Places for People to Algonquin Highlands," she said. "We're pleased that they're here."

Their first property, located at 19 George St. in Haliburton, has been tenanted since 2010.

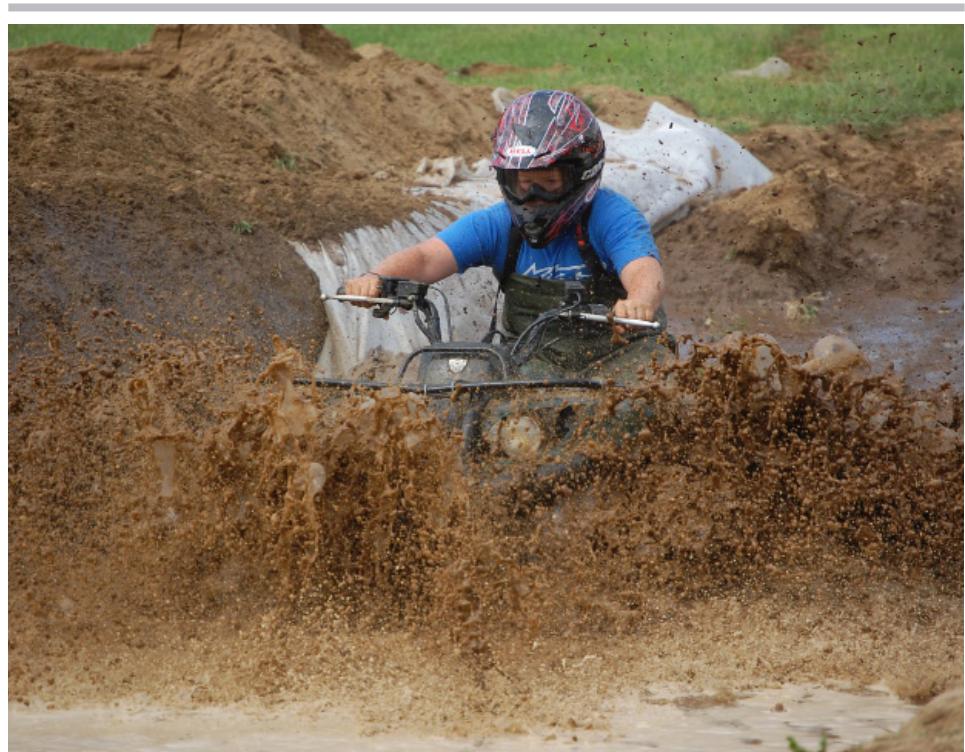


Photo by Mark Arike

Participant charges through the mud at this year's annual Mud Bog on June 16.

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HATVA and Kinsmen make donation

Submitted by Haliburton ATV Association

On June 16, the Haliburton ATV Associations (HATVA) held their 3rd annual Mud Bog event attracting over 40 riders for the five

different run group classifications. The Mud Bog was run in conjunction with the Minden Kinsmen club's 25th annual Truck Pull & Shine with an overall attendance of over 800 spectators.

The event's pooled proceeds enabled a donation of \$14,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and another \$10,000 to other not for profit charitable organizations.

Highlander arts

Summer Festival scores playwright

By Mark Arike

It's not often the playwright for one of the Highlands Summer Festival's productions makes it to the Highlands. This year, however, the theatre company came into good fortune with the hiring of Jim Betts.

"It seemed like an idyllic job to come to cottage country, until I realized I'd be spending all of my time in rehearsals instead of by the lake," joked Betts in a phone interview.

Betts, who works "every once in a while" at Sheridan College, was asked to help as a consulting director after director Ralph Small came into some scheduling conflicts.

"He asked me if I would come up and help him finish up the directing job," said Betts.

The Toronto playwright has been attending rehearsals every weekend since June.

"Much of the show had already been staged and rehearsed," he said. "I was just trying to take it to that next level."

Betts has spent most of his time working with the cast to ensure they portray the characters as accurately as possible.

"Every actor has different needs and strengths," he said. "The job as a director is to try and get the best performance you can out of every individual actor."

The goal is to get the actors to fully understand their characters and what it is that motivates them to deliver a particular line, said Betts.

His methodology has seemed to be effective.

State of the Arts

Emily Carr, loner + hipster

This month sees the inclusion of Vancouver art icon Emily Carr into the pretentious art festival dOCUMENTA (13) in Kassel, Germany. Loner, spinster, landscape innovator and bush woman, Carr would be more than amused to see the flutter over this posthumous homage. Speculation is rampant as to why Carr would be included in a festival that adheres to stringent esoteric codes. Not making work out of salt and calling it Infinite Objection? Forget it, don't bother showing up.

Carr's life is as much a mystery as her work defies categorization. Is it landscape? Mysticism? Documentation? She had loads of exhibitions, traveled widely, wrote a very popular book about herself called *Klee Wyck*, and yet the art world still can't account for this very strong-willed woman who had rats as pets and suffered from terrible anxiety. I was not surprised by the seemingly sudden international interest in Carr. This past year the Museum of Modern Art in New York had its first solo exhibition of a female artist in decades, Cindy Sherman. There just aren't tons of female art heroes. Carr represents the female equivalent of Van Gogh, making Georgia O'Keefe Matisse? Frida Kahlo then is Dali? Woah, these analogies are getting out of hand. What I am getting at is, Carr is an art titan of sorts and had the right lady bits. The art world needs her. That she was isolated and spent time with Haida people makes her even cooler.

I got to see her work in Vancouver. It is really the only way to see it because then you visit the coastline and connections don't come any more extraordinary. Her work always frightened me a little. It's dark and full of an almost violent energy. It's the kind of landscape work I believe in; unveiling

"Everyone has been working hard to work at the same level," he said. "I've been very impressed with the quality of the singing. Some of the songs have been sung as well in this production as I've ever heard them. That bodes very well."

Betts began writing *Colours in the Storm* in the mid 1980s when he was working for Young People's Theatre in Toronto.

"I was always looking for Canadian stories that had a bit of mystery to them. That's when I arrived at the Tom Thomson story."

The musical follows the life and mysterious death of Thomson, one of Canada's most influential painters of the 20th century. The famous artist was last seen alive on July 8, 1917, when setting out on a lone fishing trip across Canoe Lake.

Betts spent time researching Thomson's life as well as his paintings.

"The more research I did, I realized I was far less interested in writing about the mystery of his death as I was about what drove him as an artist," he said. "It's transformed from being an adventure play for young audiences to something aimed at a more general audience."

Betts pointed out that he connected with Thomson's story on a personal level.

"Ironically, part of the Thomson story is that he had no idea what he wanted to do until he was 35 years old. In 1912, that would have been pretty unusual. His whole life transformed inside [a period of] five years."

Betts wrote the story when he was the same age as



Photo by Mark Arike

Toronto actor Daniel Abrahamson plays the role of Tom Thomson.

Thomson during his period of self-discovery.

According to Betts, *Colours in the Storm* is his most popular work to date.

"The show has been redone numerous times over the years," he said, adding that this year alone there will be five separate productions.

"It grew into a much bigger production and story than I had ever anticipated."

Colours in the Storm opened this year's Summer Festival on July 2 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. For tickets to the remaining shows call 705-457-9933.



By Victoria Ward

whole Earth Mother thing. In the eighties it was because she was supposedly a lesbian. In the nineties people embraced her love of all things aboriginal. Today, I think it is her loneliness or more accurately, aloneness.

As we spend more and more time 'connected' we seem to find solace in those spirits that choose silence, nature and animals as friends. We love stories about people who decide to leave their busy urban lives for one of simplicity.

But the bucolic life isn't easy and as many who live in the Highlands would agree, it just removes a certain kind of stress for another one. The city can have too much energy, the woods, sometimes not enough. You can get a job in the city; good luck here. I guess the big difference, the one that meant something to me was that in the city being around a lot of other people and their influence made me less creative not more. I did need the woods.

Emily Carr was a greater force than I, thankfully. Her seriousness and self determination, intimidating to some is an inspiration to me. She becomes an icon in spite of rhetoric, politics and the zeitgeist although I'm sure dOCUMENTA(13) will give it a good college try. She deserves any attention really because she did something that I admire most of all; she was inspired by the wilderness and painted it in all its intense and unpredictable glory.

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Highlander arts



Forest receives new sculpture

By Matthew Desrosiers

Next time you walk through the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, don't be startled by the flock of ravens that have taken up residence there.

John McKinnon's 'A Conspiracy of Ravens' is the newest sculpture to be added to the collection.

Noreen Blake, who has been spending her summers in the Haliburton area for over 60 years, decided she wanted to donate a sculpture to the forest. She proposed a competition with the theme of 'Aviana Fauna'. McKinnon's sculpture was chosen from 60 submissions by Blake.

"We are delighted to have a sculpture by John McKinnon in the collection," said Barb Bolin, chair of the board of directions of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. "[McKinnon] has spent 40 years honing his craft and has created sculptures for sites throughout the country. [He] also has strong roots in Haliburton, having taught at the Haliburton School of the Arts numerous times."

The sculpture is comprised of nine steel ravens. It will be revealed to the public on July 9 at 4:30 p.m. The event will be followed by a presentation by McKinnon on his work and the creation of 'A Conspiracy of Ravens' in Fleming College's Great Hall.

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The members of Diamondback close this season's Blues Legends Series at the Dominion Hotel.

Diamondback rocks blues series

By Mark Arike

They opened up the Canadian Blues Legends series at The Dominion Hotel last November and were so well-received that they were invited back to perform on the Canada Day weekend.

On June 30, Diamondback members Mike McKenna (guitar), Scott Cushnie (keyboard) and Peter McGraw (vocals) entertained an audience of 115 with the help of Dave Martin on drums and local artist Ian Pay on bass.

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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. *Stray Bullets* by Robert Rotenberg
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
4. *Forgotten* by Catherine McKenzie
5. *Calico Joe* by John Grisham

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
2. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
3. *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by David Kahneman
4. *Mad Woman* by Jane Maas
5. *The Paleo Solution: The Original Human Diet* by Robb Wolf

Now that Season five of AMC's *Mad Men* has ended, fans should take note of one of our new additions to HCPL's Top Non-Fiction list: *Mad Woman: The Other Side of Life on Madison Avenue in the 60s and Beyond*. Here, author Jane Maas uses her own experiences, as well as accounts of other women in the business, to paint a picture of what it was really like to be an advertising woman in New York in the 1960s and 70s. People who watch the show *Mad Men* are always curious to know how accurate it is: was there really that much sex at the office? Were there really three-martini lunches? Were women really second-class citizens? Jane Maas says the answer to all three questions is unequivocally "yes." *Mad Women* also tackles some of the tougher issues of the era, such as unequal pay, rampant sexism and the difficult choice many women faced between motherhood and their careers. If you are interested in an honest look at what life was like for a real-life Peggy Olsen, you can reserve *Mad Woman* today at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Haliburton County Public Library introduces the Summer Fun program starting July 3. There will be stories, crafts, games, songs and fun for children aged 2 and over. This program runs free throughout the summer at Minden Hills branch (Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m.), Dysart branch (Wednesdays & Fridays at 10 a.m.), Stanhope branch (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.), Dorset branch (Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.) and Wilberforce (Tuesdays at 7 p.m.).



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Brenda Webber performs as Adele at the Pinestone Resort.

A tough act to follow

She had the hand gestures down pat and her vocals weren't too shabby, either. On June 29, impersonator Brenda Webber put on her best Adele act at the Pinestone Resort. Webber, along with her four-piece band and back-up singers, performed a number of hits including *Rolling in the Deep* and *Someone Like You*.

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Top: Josh Sears on his final run in the soap box derby held on Canada Day in Minden. Above: Local resident Shaylene Lingner visits a pony at the Cultural Centre's petting zoo.

Minden celebrates Canada Day in style

By Mark Arike

Locals and visitors had plenty of sights and sounds to experience during two days of Canada Day celebrations in the heart of Minden.

Held on June 30 and July 1, festivities included a parade, a classic car show along the Gull River, a petting zoo and kids activities at the Cultural Centre. A number of the events were sponsored by local businesses.

One of the new attractions at this year's event was a soap box derby. The timed races took participants down St. Germaine St. to the finish line at Water St. The three participants included Josh Sears (first place), Attila Baricz (second place) and Sebastian Muli (did not finish).

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Above: A record number of 34 rafts and over 140 participants entered this year's Crazy River Raft Race. Right: A young participant creates a splash at the starting line.

Wild water fun on the Gull River

By Mark Arike

Enthusiastic participants donned red and white attire as they took to Minden's Gull River for this year's Crazy River Raft Race on Canada Day.

A total of 34 entries of all shapes and sizes of rafts were part of this year's race, which started at Rotary Beach and finished by the bridge in town.

The top three finishers were: Loonie Pontoons, Canadian Catfish and River Sticks. A number of participants were recognized with awards for creativity, enthusiasm and originality.



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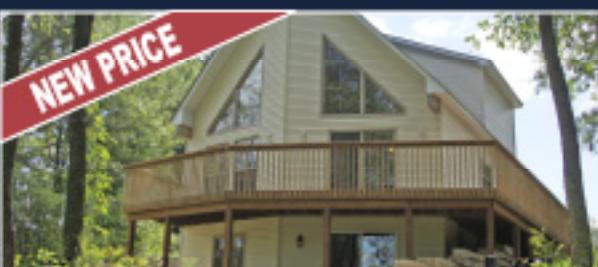
Wilberforce celebrates

Ernie Demuth (left) and Bethany Houghton lead Sandra Bromham, Margaret Jeske, Shirley Riley and Frank Matys in singing This Land is Our Land during the Wilberforce Canada Day celebration. Wilberforce residents came out in droves to celebrate Canada Day on July 1. Dressed in red and white, with Canadian flag tattoos on their faces, they sang songs, listened to music, and enjoyed some tasty treats while celebrating the nation's birthday.

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The Nicholls family gathered to support Marjorie as she was named the Canada Day Citizen for 2012. Front row, from left: Bernie Nicholls, Marjorie Nicholls, Erin Nicholls. Back row, from left: David Nicholls, Cooper Kezis, Joel Cooper, Cheryl Cooper, and Nichole Kezis.

Nicholls named Canada Day Citizen

By Matthew Desrosiers

Marjorie Nicholls had no idea they were about to call her name.

When she was announced as this year's Canada Day Citizen at the West Guilford Canada Day celebration, her emotions took hold.

"She does a lot," said Cheryl Cooper, Nicholls's daughter. "To be recognized like this is really nice. It shows that people really appreciate everything you do."

"It means a lot to her, and she was very touched."

Nicholls, 75, was born in Minden, but moved to West Guilford at the age of seven. She has been an active member of the community there for many years. During the presentation, it was noted that Nicholls will often call people who are ill to check in on them and make sure they're doing all right.

Apart from spending time at the arena supporting local hockey, Nicholls will often contribute to community dinners, funeral lunches and various parties in the community.

Nicholls was supported by her four of her five children, Bernie, Cheryl, David and Erin. Her husband could not attend due to illness. Alberta, her oldest, also could not attend.

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Highlander health

Asking the right medical questions

Dear Readers,

Last week a very good friend—we'll call him Bob—was admitted to hospital. Over the last couple of years, Bob had developed a condition that was life threatening—but he seemed to be completely unaware of it. Why? Because his doctor had never explained what his diagnosis meant in terms of what Bob might expect in the coming years.

As a result, when Bob's wife told me he wasn't well and described his symptoms, I found myself in the awkward position of having an opinion and not being asked for it.

I did suggest she take him to hospital, but since neither she nor Bob knew there was cause for alarm, they weren't worried—until it was almost too late.

The practice of medicine has changed dramatically since I went to school—not only in terms of improved skills, life-saving technology and pharmacology, but also in terms of how doctors relate to patients.

Generally, doctors are more forthcoming than they once were. They are more likely to share information and patient care with the patient.

Still, many doctors don't have the time to explain things. Some doctors think they are sharing information but don't take the time to be sure the patient has understood what's been said. Others live in a bubble and if a patient is unwilling to pierce that bubble, that patient may be left out of the information loop.

To be fair, Bob's doctor did give him a seven syllable diagnosis a few years back. But without a degree in medicine or linguistics, it's doubtful many people would know that the word described a weakened heart muscle that would likely get worse over time.

So, it occurs to me that patients need to ask specific questions when they receive a diagnosis they don't understand or when they are being treated or being discharged from hospital.

Here's a quick list I've put together for you.

When receiving a diagnosis:
What does that mean? Please explain exactly what I have.

Aging Well



By Penny Brown

What are the risks with this diagnosis?

How will you treat it?

What danger signs should I watch for? Should I make any lifestyle changes? If so, what and why?

What should I do if I have any of the danger signs you've just described?

I'd like a second opinion from someone in another hospital or practice. Who do you suggest I see?

When being treated with medicine:

What is this medicine supposed to do?

What could happen if I don't take it?

Are there any risks associated with it? If so, what are they?

Is there anything I should avoid when I take this medicine?

When being referred for a procedure:

What is this procedure for?

Is it necessary?

Are there any alternatives? What are they? What could happen if I don't have this procedure?

Are there any risks associated with this procedure? If so, what are they?

Will you be performing this procedure? If not, who will do it?

How long will I be in hospital?

When being discharged home from hospital:

What kind of follow-up care do I need? Who will be coordinating my care once I go home?

What precautions should I take to stay healthy?

What activities or things should I avoid? When should I call a doctor or go to the emergency room?

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Penny Brown graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine as a Physical and Occupational Therapist.



Photo by Mark Arike

Banit Budhiraja, one of the owners of Haliburton Highland Pharmacy, stops to get a hamburger at a charity barbecue hosted by his store and Daisy Mart. Proceeds from the event were donated to Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Charity BBQ for health services

By Mark Arike

The owners of Haliburton Highland Pharmacy and Daisy Mart spent a better part of June 30 serving up hot dogs and hamburgers for Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

The afternoon event, which was held outside the two stores, raised just over \$320 for priority equipment. Proceeds from the barbecue, as well as slushy and coffee sales contributed to the total.

The event also marked the grand opening of both businesses.

County consults neighbours on medical recruitment

By Lisa Harrison

Jim Pine and his health professional recruiting partner were taken aback at their competitors' high-end displays when they arrived at their first job fair. Then they set up their giant \$150,000 "Your Name Here" cheque and got more than their fair share of attention.

Pine is Hastings County chief administrative officer and operates the county's Family Physician Recruitment Program, which has attracted 12 doctors since 2006 (one will move away this year). Haliburton County's health professionals recruitment committee requested the county consider the Hastings model and so council invited Pine to present at the June 27 council meeting.

Pine said Hastings decided the best way to recruit was to invest in doctors when they're most in need: during school, from first year through fourth year and even in both residency years.

Many candidates are now studying medicine as a second career and have families, said Pine.

"And of course when they go back to [school], their income drops considerably and debt becomes a big issue for them... So we decided if we're going to make this work, we'd better be bold."

Program participants receive \$150,000 split equally over six years to practice within Hastings (excluding Belleville/Quinte West) for five years at minimum, with term insurance policies for 10 years to cover illness or death and roster development support. The county

invests in marketing and attends the Health Professionals Recruitment Tour (job fair) but has also found word of mouth an excellent tool to attract candidates. The program has reduced hospital overcrowding and infrastructure expenditures, which in turn offsets program costs.

Haliburton County's program provides forgivable, interest-free \$15,000 loans split equally over four years with some conditions to doctors who practice in the county for a minimum of four years. Since 2003, \$140,000 has been paid out to six doctors and to other professionals (i.e. nurse practitioner) who received funds over eight years. Medical student job shadowing is also promoted. Program operations are split between the county and Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Pine and councillors spent more than 40 minutes on the presentation and subsequent questions. Councillor Liz Danielsen, council's representative to the professional recruitment committee, said afterward that this was "all new" for the county and the presentation provided "a good foundation for us to work on."

Earlier in the meeting councillors reviewed existing policy over concerns that doctors are settling primarily in Haliburton village and the need to ensure the program is viable. They discussed the possibility of creating different incentives for different areas of the county and agreed to review the policy again at a later date, taking Pine's presentation into consideration.

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Highlander business

Rotary Club donates \$4,500 to incubator



Photo by Mark Arike

Barb Bolin, chair of the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator, accepts a \$4,500 cheque from George Kadoke, member of the Haliburton Rotary Club and incubator mentor. In the front: Brian Nash, outgoing Rotary president, along with Andrew Hodgson, incoming president.

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton Rotary Club believes in supporting new business in the Highlands, so much so that they have donated \$4,500 to the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator (HCBI).

Members of the club presented a cheque to HCBI chair Barb Bolin and incubator mentor George Kadoke on June 28 at the corner of Highland St. and Maple Ave.

"I believe the incubator is providing an important service to young businesses and I enjoy sharing my advice, gained from years of experience, to these committed individuals," said Kadoke, who is also a Rotary member, in a press release.

Incubator advisor Hugh Nichol echoed Kadoke's sentiments. "If we can give good advice at the right time, it can make a world of difference to a business person who is working

alone, working so very hard to get to the next level," said Nichol.

The HCBI program is dedicated to providing a sustainable environment in which new and emerging companies can develop and achieve growth. The program is run by the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

To date, two businesses have graduated from the incubator while two are presently in the program.

The recent donation will go toward the incubator's operating costs for the 2012/13 year. This is the second year that the Haliburton Rotary Club has been a platinum sponsor of the HCBI.

For more information about the incubator program, contact Mike Jaycock at hcbi@bell.net or phone 705-754-9996.

Landscape matters

Let's get started

Landscape Tip# 2:

If one of your friends mutters the words *paid benefits* or *wage parity*, immediately shut down the project, send them home and call on a new group of friends for next weekend's work.

Welcome back to Landscape Design 101. Last time we discussed taking inventories and setting a goal. Regardless of the size of the undertaking, these are important first steps. Later on if you lose focus or become discouraged because things aren't going well, you can always refer back to your goal, recharge your batteries and move on.

Take time to prepare a sketch of the area under consideration, nothing fancy, but it should be a true, scaled if possible, representation of the area. Graph paper works best. If you refer to your inventory, you will have already determined what elements will not be around at the end, so disregard them for now. Consider your personal inventory, the things you are going to keep and work into your design. How will they fit, where will they fit, and most important, how badly do you want to keep them? Be honest!

Time to see if the dream can become a reality
The next step in the design process is called site analysis. Combined with your inventories and your

goal, this step will often determine the feasibility of your dream. The site analysis takes into account site constraints which may be the things that you were concerned about in the first place. Unlike the items in your inventory where you had some control, site constraints tend to be much less accommodating and therefore worthy of our full attention.

Site constraints is a nasty but important term that we want to address early on in the design process. A quick rundown of what I mean by constraints includes sun exposure, prevailing wind direction, discomforting noise, impossibly steep slopes and unsightly views... yes, there's Fred again. These physical constraints are the most difficult to deal with, being for the most part beyond our control. Undoubtedly there are more site constraints than I have mentioned, but you get the idea. Site constraints can also be positive site characteristics such as majestic vistas, cooling breezes, signature rock outcroppings and rare tree species. The magic of the design process is how we selectively manipulate the good with the bad. It is important to

be ruthless in your analysis, otherwise these constraints will eventually rise up and bite. Keep in mind that constraints are very site specific, tend to limit what you were intending to accomplish and they will certainly test your mettle. During this part of the exercise keep your goal uppermost in mind.

All of the bad news you received from The Department of Site Constraints can be somewhat alleviated by our good friends in The Department of Alternate Solutions.

Thank goodness!

Alternate solutions can be large or small revisions to your original dream, depending on how badly they beat you up over in Site Constraints. It is important that you are aware of them and are prepared to deal with them at this stage.

Next Time: An examination of alternate solutions in combination with another step in the process called priorities, upon which we will have completed the 'grunt' work. Hooray!



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By Terry Twine

Highlander events

Minden Hills hosts public meeting for development of cultural plan

By George Farrell

The mood was upbeat at the Community Centre in Minden on the evening of June 27 as approximately 60 people attended a meeting to discuss a cultural plan for Minden Hills.

All the usual movers and shakers from the sectors of municipal politics, arts, and economic development were present, as well as a sprinkling of interested people from the town of Minden and outlying communities such as Irondale and Gelert.

Brian Arnott of the consultant firm Novita Interpares Limited was the facilitator for the event.

"We try to learn as much as possible about the community beforehand," said Arnott.

A scan of Novita's Background Report revealed local references from such previous documents as the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Strategic Action Plan from 2010, an Active Transportation Plan for Minden and communities from July 2008, and the County of Haliburton Strategic Plan from 2003. 'In Quest of Yesterday,' Nila Reynolds iconic book, was also referenced.

After outlining the background to the cultural plan, Arnott quickly organized roundtable discussions of six to eight people. The discussions centred on basic questions which were conceived to elicit the top five cultural priorities from each table.

Many of the priorities were predictable, with high speed internet access for everybody being seen as a necessity in moving forward. Other suggestions included more extensive use of the Gull river, youth programming and a recreation centre, affordable housing, transportation services between communities, a swimming pool, street events, a unified vision for businesses, and the continuation and development of cultural resources already in place.

The one suggestion consistent to all the roundtables was the need for a multi-functional centre which could be used for the performing arts, small meetings and conferences.

"This meeting tonight will hopefully produce an outcome of a Minden Hills vision for culture in the future," said Arnott. "We'll take the vision and deliver a municipal cultural plan document to go to council and presumably become a policy document to guide the cultural decisions going forward."

"The fee to consultants Novita Interpares Limited did not come out of the community tax base," said Minden Hills councillor Brigitte Gall. "The meeting was part of an initiative that came through a \$52,000 provincial grant that was shared between Minden Hills and the Arts Council to do cultural mapping at the county level, and planning at the municipal level."

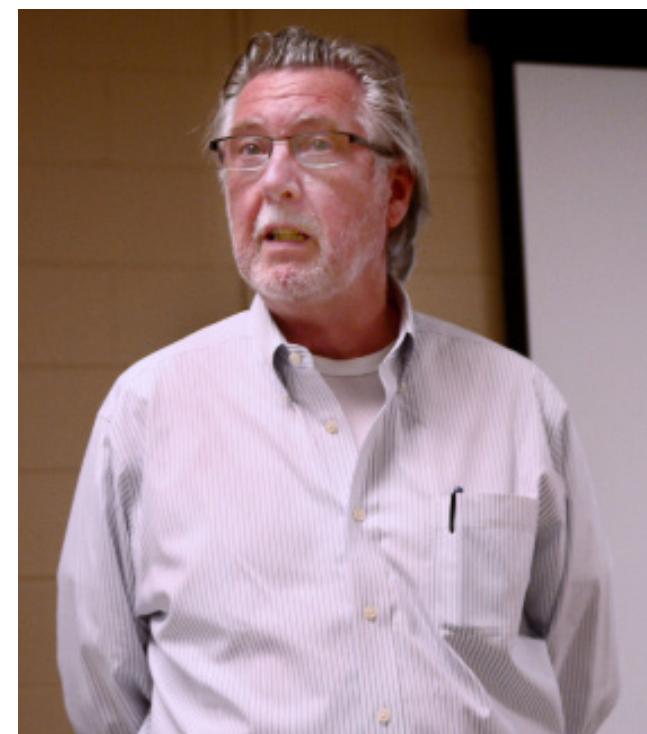


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The Computer Guy

Windows XP coming to an end



By David Spaxman

As you may or may not know, Microsoft's support for Windows XP will be coming to an end April 2014, a full 13 years after the operating system was originally released.

Microsoft normally terminates support for an operating system (OS) within ten years of its release – at the latest. For instance, it ended support for Windows 2000 in 2010.

First, my prediction is that whatever the currently stated dates are for Windows XP's end of life, they'll likely be extended. As we know, many people have been slow to leave XP behind and move to Windows Vista or Windows 7. The large remaining installed base of Windows XP, particularly in business, will, I believe, cause Microsoft to extend support beyond its original plans.

That being said, all good things will eventually come to an end.

Based on Microsoft's past phase-out of products like Windows 98, I'll throw this out as a likely scenario:

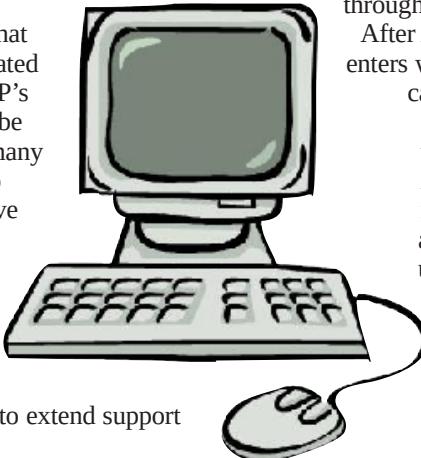
Support for the original product without service packs is withdrawn. Windows XP is actually already at this point since service pack 2 (SP2) is now required. If you attempt to take product updates for an original Windows XP, one of the first things you'll be expected to take is SP2.

Support for early service packs is withdrawn.

Once again, Windows XP is already at this point, as service pack 1 (SP1) is no longer supported.

Your first attempt to update an SP1 machine should result in a download of SP2.

Microsoft ended "Mainstream Support" in 2009. However they still supply security



updates just no bug fixes or enhancements.

At present, Microsoft XP is in "extended" support phase which will end April 2014. Most notably, this means that only security updates are issued at this time. My sense is the requirements for what is, and is not, a security issue will also get tougher throughout this phase.

After April 2014, the product enters what Microsoft carefully calls "self-help online support." Put another way, you're on your own. All the documentation remains online, but actual support and/or updates may no longer be available.

Will you be running Windows XP in 2014?

To be honest, I hope not. That's kind of like running Windows 98 today, it's just not

really a good idea. Without security updates Windows XP will be vulnerable to any hackers and viruses that the internet can throw at it.

By the way, support for Windows Vista will come to an end 2017. But will anyone care? Let's face it, Vista is the whole reason everyone stayed with XP. In fact, Microsoft had a program in place to allow purchasers of Vista to downgrade back to XP at no extra cost. So really in my opinion Microsoft should support XP until Vista was supposed to end, to cover all those people who were disappointed with it and opted for the downgrade. Me being one of them.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy Safe Computing!

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Hilda Rhynold (Nee Corkum)

Formerly of Ingoldsby, Ontario

Suddenly at Extendicare-Haliburton on Wednesday morning, June 27, 2012 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Edward Rhynold (May 2011) for almost 65 years. Loving mother of Wanda (Ken Evans) of West Guilford and Edward Jr. (Norma) of Georgetown. Dear Nan to Glenn (Teresa), Mark (Diane) and Nicole and Amber (John). Lovingly remembered by her great grandchildren Carla (Ryan), Elisa (Steve), Bethany, Kyle, Nelson (Evans), Elwyn, Xavier, Onyx, Hayley (Rhynold). Great great-grandson Skyler (Elisa). Dear sister of Lila Rhynold. Predeceased by sisters Stella, Bessie and her brother George. Also lovingly remembered by Joyce (Harley), Audrey (Rob) and many nieces, nephews and friends. Hilda proudly volunteered with the Ingoldsby UCW and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton. She loved fishing with Eddie, entertaining and laughing with family and friends. She loved life and will be deeply missed by all.

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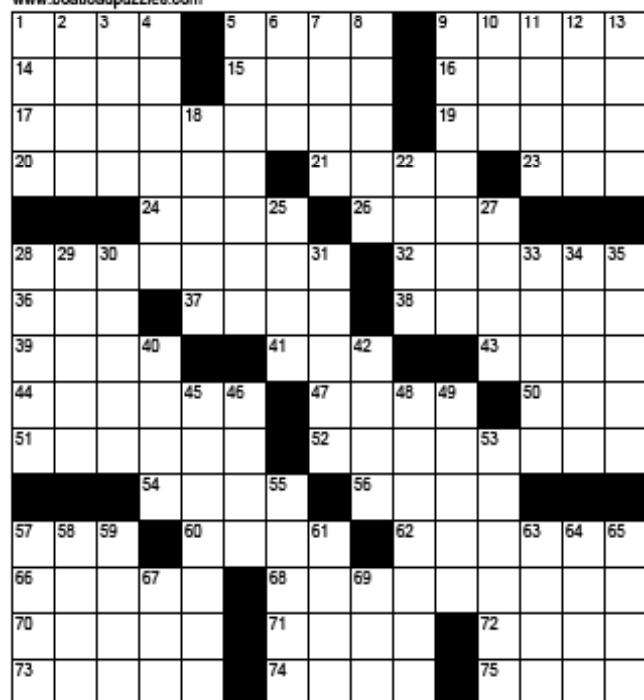


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ACROSS

- 1. Close loudly
- 41. Batter's stat
- 5. Go-getter
- 43. Placard
- 9. Highway exits
- 44. Storage spots
- 14. Marco __
- 47. Actor __ Idle
- 15. Jealousy
- 50. Bring to court
- 16. Make jubilant
- 51. School assignment
- 17. Spoken of earlier
- 52. Calamity
- 19. Family car
- 54. Coin opening
- 20. Emits vapor
- 56. Narrow opening
- 21. Fasting season
- 57. Curvy letter
- 23. Boston time zone (abbr.)
- 60. Follow orders
- 24. Debtor's burden
- 62. Coliseums
- 26. Chamber
- 68. Pacifist Christian branch
- 28. Coniferous evergreen (2 wds.)
- 70. Hawk's weapon
- 32. Serious plays
- 71. Begged
- 36. Keats' "before"
- 72. Thicken
- 37. Wild attempt
- 73. Range
- 38. Madrid matron
- 74. Spanish cheers
- 39. Chore
- 75. Skirt bottoms

DOWN

- 1. Health clubs
- 2. Hay place
- 3. Sunburn soother
- 4. Group's mood
- 5. Sweet course
- 6. " __ Clear Day..." (2 wds.)
- 7. Satan's specialty
- 8. Actress Winona __
- 9. Renovate
- 10. Pub drink
- 11. Concocted
- 12. Sch. groups
- 13. Dispatched
- 18. Gives forth
- 22. Head gestures
- 25. At hand
- 27. Supplies workers
- 28. Flower part
- 29. Wrathful
- 30. Robins' homes
- 31. Receded
- 33. Slightly wet
- 34. Debate
- 35. More rational
- 40. Smooch
- 42. Purple flower
- 45. Fragrant liquid
- 46. Uppity person
- 48. Oahu and Maui
- 49. Nile city
- 53. Foul smell
- 55. Musical pace
- 57. Devours
- 58. Hit
- 59. Grain tower
- 61. Holler
- 63. African river
- 64. Energy source
- 65. Becomes firm
- 67. Election mo.
- 69. Born

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Last week's puzzle solutions

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Puzzle 1 (Medium, difficulty rating 1.25)

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